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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

NPIC NOTICE
NO. 10-5SECURITY
17 June 1970

FIRE DRILLS

1. A general fire drill is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 June 1970, at 1400 hours. The drill will terminate as soon as the Building is evacuated so that work disruption will be held to a minimum.

2. The purpose of this pre-announced drill is to practice changes in the fire evacuation procedure. We are deviating from past procedures because of the discovery during a recent fire alarm that personnel may not be able to use all three stairways to evacuate the Building. During the recent incident firemen were unable to ascend a stairway because of personnel descending to evacuate the Building. Also, the water standpipes to which firemen must attach hoses are located in the stairwells.

3. Consequently, since there may be a requirement to reserve a stairway for the firemen's use, we need to test and to practice evacuations using different combinations of down stairways. For this purpose employees must follow the directions of the corridor wardens exactly. Also, they must evacuate the Building when the alarm in their area sounds - not before.

25X1 4. Because the vault construction and the sprinkler system in [] are strong deterrents to the spread of fire, speed of evacuation for everyone is not necessarily a prime requirement. Congestion in stairways arising from attempts to evacuate the Building too rapidly could be more dangerous than fire.

5. Fire drills in the future will be held regularly but will not be announced.

25X1 6. It should be emphasized again that during drills and actual fire situations personnel will follow the directions of the vault wardens exactly, and will wait for their own area alarms to sound before evacuating the Building. For any further information regarding the drill, or the evacuation procedure, please call the Security Branch,

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